

THOMAS WON.

The Mason County Man Nominated For Congress at 1:20 This Morning.

Best of Feeling Prevailed Throughout the Long Contest.

It Required Eighty-Five Ballots to Settle the Matter.

NOW FOR A VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

The Democratic convention that assembled here yesterday, to nominate a candidate for Congress was one of the largest ever held in the Ninth district.

It was also one of the most harmonious.

Throughout the long struggle, the best of feeling prevailed among the various aspirants and their friends and advocates, and the convention leaves no bitter animosities to handicap the nominee in the fight against the common enemy in November.

Chairman Alexander, of the Executive Committee, rapped for order at 11 a. m., and the convention was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Sims. Mr. Alexander then introduced James N. Kehoe, district member of the State committee.

The Chairman's stand supported a fine, large lithograph of Bryan, the Presidential nominee, and the stage was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting and potted plants.

Mr. Kehoe spoke for nearly an hour on the issues of the campaign, and was highly complimented, on every hand, at the close. His suggestion that the convention nominate a candidate who was "afraid of no man's son-in-law," caught the crowd, and it was several minutes before the laughter and applause ceased.

The temporary organization was affected by the unanimous election of Hon. Frank Powers, of Grayson, Chairman, S. S. Cassidy, of Owingsville, Secretary, with the representatives of Democratic papers as assistants, G. R. Keller, of Carlisle, Reading Clerk, and James C. Wilson, of Dover, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Committees were then appointed on permanent organization, credentials and resolutions, after which the convention recessed until 2 p. m.

C. Burgess Taylor was Chairman of the Committee on Credentials. A. P. Gooding was Mason's representative on the Committee on Organization and Hiram W. T. Earnshaw on resolutions.

The convention reassembled at 2:15 o'clock.

The Committee on Credentials reported no contests and recommended that those present from the various counties be recognized as the accredited delegates. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Organization reported unanimously in favor of making the temporary organization the permanent organization. The report was adopted without opposition.

The Committee on Resolutions was not ready to report, and James N. Kehoe, of Mason, and Mr. Lee, of Fleming, were appointed to wait on the committee and learn its pleasure.

While a motion to proceed with the nominating speeches was pending, the committee appeared. They reported the following:

Resolved, That we, the Democrats of the Ninth Congressional district of Kentucky, in convention assembled, unqualifiedly endorse and approve the Chicago platform and the matchless nominees William J. Bryan and Arthur P. Sewall.

We believe further that the Chicago convention represented pure Jeffersonian Democracy. We are

against legislation for the few against the masses, and having declared our convictions we invite the co-operation of all patriots to assist us, regardless of their past party affiliations.

We denounce all the so-called Democratic newspapers throughout the State of Kentucky that refuse to support the National Democratic platform and nominees, as bolters and traitors to the Democratic party, and we urge all Democrats to withdraw all support from them, and we especially denounce the Louisville press as unworthy the support or countenance of any Democrat.

Resolved, That after the nominations are all made that each of the candidates declare his position on the money question, each speech to be limited to five minutes.

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion a roll call of the counties was ordered for nominations.

Bath County presented the name of A. W. Bascom, Judge Ewing making the nomination.

Boyd County presented Edgar B. Hager. Charles B. Willis, on behalf of Bracken, placed in nomination Hon. J. B. Hiles.

Harrison County nominated Higgins Chinn Smith.

Hon. E. L. Worthington, on behalf of Mason County, placed in nomination Col. W. LaRue Thomas.

In presenting the name of Hon. James P. Allen, of Fleming, A. O. Stanley made one of his characteristically eloquent speeches, and had the crowd shouting from start to finish.

Rowan County seconded Bascom's nomination.

Robertson County seconded the nomination of Dr. Smith of Harrison.

James Noel Johnson, on behalf of Lewis County, seconded the nomination of Col. Thomas. W. T. Cole, for the Greenup delegation, also warmly seconded Col. Thomas' nomination.

One delegate from Carter County seconded the nomination of E. B. Hager, and another seconded the nomination of John B. Hiles.

Messrs. Cassidy of Fleming and Freeze of Lawrence were appointed to notify the candidates and request them to appear before the convention.

Bracken wanted the fourth clause of the resolutions reconsidered, but the motion to that effect was declared out of order.

The various candidates were then given an opportunity to express their views on the money question. All responded and declared their devotion to the principles enunciated in the Chicago platform. Col. Thomas easily carried off the honors. His talk was straight to the mark, and left no one in doubt as to his position on the great issue of the campaign. His speech was an eloquent one, and the enthusiastic applause with which it was received caught the convention and went far towards winning him the nomination.

It was after 5 o'clock when the candidates finished, and the convention proceeded at once to balloting. The first result:

Thomas.....	21
Hiles.....	7
Allen.....	9
Smith.....	20
Hager.....	19
Bascom.....	11

Necessary to choice, 41.

Bascom had Bath and Rowan and two from Carter; Hager, Boyd and Lawrence and two from Carter; Smith, Harrison, Nicholas and Robertson; Allen, Fleming and one from Carter; Hiles, Bracken and one from Carter, and Thomas had Mason, Lewis and Greenup.

On third ballot, Nicholas divided her vote between Smith and Allen. Dr. Smith then withdrew and Harrison's 11 votes went to Bascom, Nicholas voting for Allen.

The voting continued with but slight changes. On ninth ballot Robertson voted for Hanson Kennedy, of Carlisle. On next ballot, Harrison and Nicholas switched to Kennedy, giving him 20 votes. In response to calls, he then mounted the stage and defined his views on the financial question.

On next ballot, Harrison switched to Allen,—a dampener on the Kennedy boom.

At end of fifteenth ballot, the convention at 6 o'clock adjourned till 7:30.

On reassembling, the sixteenth ballot was taken, with this result:

Thomas.....	21
Hiles.....	18
Allen.....	10
Hager.....	21
Bascom.....	17

And then the long struggle was resumed. Harrison, Nicholas, Carter, Rowan, Robertson and Nicholas didn't seem to know just what they wanted.

It was the field against Thomas, but all attempts to unite on any one were unsuccessful. On twenty-fourth ballot, Bascom mustered 34 votes.

Motions to adjourn and to drop the hindmost candidate were promptly voted down.

The Harrison delegation amused themselves for a while by casting complimentary votes. Carter and other delegations followed suit. Frank Powers, Green Keller, G. W. Bramlett, A. O. Stanley, W. S. Blackerby and several others were thus honored.

At one time Hager got 47 votes, but before the ballot could be announced Bath and Harrison changed back to Bascom.

It was close to midnight when the final break began. After the sixty-fifth ballot, Fleming withdrew Allen, and voted for Thomas. There was a dispute then among the delegates and the vote was equally divided for a time between Thomas and Hager. On seventy-ninth ballot, Fleming finally settled her dispute, and came over solid for Thomas.

The eighty-fourth ballot resulted, Thomas 29, Hiles 6, Hager 21, Bascom 30.

Carter again renewed a motion to drop the hindmost candidate, after two more ballots, and the motion prevailed.

This settled it. Bracken withdrew Hiles, and after consulting her six votes came over to Thomas.

As the Bracken delegation reentered the room, Bascom took the floor and withdrew. He said he would have done this earlier had he consulted his own wishes and feelings in the matter. He had realized early in the fight that he was not the convention's choice.

The eighty-fifth ballot was ordered, and Mr. Bascom cast Bath's seven votes for M. Williams, of Boyd. Bracken voted for Thomas. Harrison withdrew for consultation, and in a few minutes returned and swung into line for Thomas. Everybody saw the long fight was at last ended.

Nicholas cast 3 1/2 for Thomas and 3 1/2 for Hager, and Rowan divided her vote equally.

The ballot resulted Thomas 50 1/2, Hager 29 1/2 and Williams 7.

Before the vote could be announced, Bascom moved to make Mr. Thomas' nomination unanimous. The motion was seconded by Hager and was adopted amid wild applause.

The nominee warmly thanked the convention for the honor it had conferred, thanked his friends for standing by him so faithfully, and said if his late opponents would now fight the Republicans with as much determination as they had fought him he would be the next Congressman from the Ninth.

Hager pledged his support and that of Boyd to the nominee, as Bascom had previously done for himself and Bath, and then the convention at 1:30 a. m. adjourned.

To Cleanse the System.

Effectually yet gently, when costive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently overcome habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel headaches, colds or fevers, use Syrup of Figs.

NARROW ESCAPE.

A Cutting Scrape on the Grade Last Night That Almost Resulted in a Death.

Elijah Clark was cut and seriously wounded last night about 8 o'clock by Lee Lane.

They with several others had been in swimming near the wharf, and the crowd were having some fun hiding each others shoes.

Lane got angry and used some offensive language.

Clarke threw a handful of gravel in the crowd, and some of the stones struck Lane. The two came together, and Lane struck Clarke with a knife, cutting him once above the heart and twice on the arm.

One of the cuts on the arm narrowly missed severing an artery. Dr. Owens dressed the wounds, and the lad is doing as well as could be expected.

Lane is a son of Mr. Wilson Lane and Clark a son of Mr. James Clark.



Shirt Waist SALE

LAST and GREATEST CUT.

75c. Waists at 38c.; \$1.00 Waists at 50c.; \$1.25 Waists with detached cuffs and collars, 63c.

Fast and Stainless Hosiery

is an absolute necessity in hot weather. We have it for

LADIES, GENTLEMEN, CHILDREN,

at 10, 15, 25 and 35c., and every pair is fully guaranteed.

BROWNING & CO.

SPECIAL SALE

Of Infants' Children's and Misses' Tan and Black

SLIPPERS; also Ladies' Slippers of all kinds, at THE PROGRESS



The Centre of Trade in Shoes

Hereabout is our establishment. This is a thing more easily seen than told and is no sooner seen than recognized. Nothing looks its worth and value so plainly and undeniably as a Shoe. Our Shoes tell their superiority so eloquently and persuasively that to see them is to decide to wear them. The kind of a Shoe you want does not signify. We carry all sorts and kinds and sizes except poor Shoes, and can fit any foot. Our prices are right.

F. B. RANSON & CO.

Coal.

Just received, a fresh-mined barge of the celebrated Raymond Coal, the best semi-cannel coal ever sold in this market. Its merit is attested by the fact that others have tried to handle it but could not buy it, and another coal is sold by a similar name, but it cannot be counterfeited, and is sold only by J. H. Dodson.

For pure spices of all kinds call on Henry W. Ray, successor to Theo. C. Power, next door to postoffice.

ELDER J. W. BULLOCK will visit the church at Germantown next Lord's Day and Bethany on the fourth.

Insist on having just what you call for when you go to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

White Kid

Strap Sandals!

J. HENRY PECOR.

EXPECTING to move our stock before September 1st you can now purchase anything in our line, regardless of cost. Come at once. HOPPER & CO.

The Bee Hive! The Bee Hive!

GENUINE JAPANESE BAMBOO PORCH SCREENS, two sizes, 6x6 feet and 8x8 feet, at the special price of 2 cents per square foot.

A very fortunate purchase enables us to offer you this very useful article at considerably less than one-half price. LADIES' DRESS DUCK SKIRTS, made of the best quality Belfast Duck, color white, cut very full, at 85 cents each. The material is worth more.

ROSENAU BROS., PROPRIETORS OF THE BEE HIVE.